

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 578

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Leslie Brooks on her selection as the 2017-2018 Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Brooks is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks has been selected as the 2017-2018 Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, Ms. Brooks has been an educator for thirty-seven years; she has focused on physical education since 1985; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks has given professional development presentations to the Hamblen County Physical Education teachers, coordinated the Jump Rope for Heart program, joined the Title I Committee, and sponsored the school's Ambassador Club. She also developed an after-school dancing program designed to get both students and their families involved in improving health and fitness; and

WHEREAS, Leslie Brooks is an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brooks truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest precepts of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Leslie Brooks on being chosen as the 2017-2018 Hillcrest Elementary School Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.